

## **Clara Halper Speech airing on PCTV**

Hello, my name is Clara Halper and I am running for Mayor of Piscataway township. My husband and I live on Cornell Dairy farm with our four children, all of whom attend Piscataway public schools. The condemnation of my family's farm catapulted me into the political arena.

As with many people, I was busy living my life thinking that my local government was being run to help the residents of Piscataway. What a shock! Piscataway acted to seize our family farm under eminent domain. That is when I learned that the Piscataway government is not being run to help the residents. Beware! It can happen to you! It is not a government for the people! That is why I am running for Mayor to help make long overdue changes in Piscataway government.

We need desperately someone to represent the true interests of Piscataway residents. What we need is a mayor who will actually listen to individuals and take their concerns seriously and seek out solutions in an honest and fair manner.

I am running so that there is a REAL choice for the people. "With the Democrats running the current democrat machine mayor and the Republicans running the previous democrat machine mayor, I was urged by others to run so that there would be a real alternative to the pay-to-play politics that have damaged this town and it's citizens."

I have a degree from Pace University and have worked in the financial sector. I UNDERSTAND FINANCES. We need to CUT taxes. We need to utilize our resources at hand and spend our hard earned money on the services that we want and need. One way we can do this is by putting all service contracts out to bid. Another is to stop questionable spending and eliminate unnecessary spending.

I propose to institute effective road paving and leaf and snow removal programs. It takes nothing more than common sense to know that residents need snow removed from their street so they can safely commute.

We need to review the townships Master Plan and work to make changes that would lessen the number of houses per acre so that we are not overbuilt and congested any more than we are now. The last decade under the Wahler and Merolla administrations has brought us overcrowding and tremendous traffic congestion.

They have paved over open space and brought in high density housing. And if that isn't insulting enough to the taxpayers, they both act as though someone else is responsible. It's not their fault. they're just our elected officials. We need responsible growth & development.

As a fresh independent voice, I pledge to work for all of these changes and more. I urge you to make a difference.

A vote for me won't cost you anything, but a vote for my opposition could cost you higher taxes, more urban sprawl and a lower quality of life.

Now I need your pledge that on my birthday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, you will go out and vote for me, Clara Halper, line C. We can make a difference. The decision is up to you.